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In re U.S. Patent Application of )

YASUDA et al. )

Art Unit 2153 )

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For: FILE REPLICATION METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED )  
FILE SYSTEMS )

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS ALREADY PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	20	22	2 (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	4	6	3 (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
				TOTAL	0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

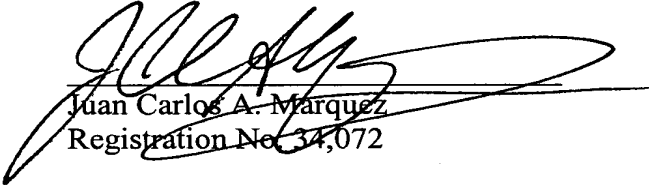
- [ x ] Preliminary Amendment  
(with Claim Amendments)
- [ ] Substitute Specification
- [ ] Assignment
- [ ] Letter to Draftsperson
- [ ] Terminal Disclaimer

- [ x ] Petition to Make Special under 37 CFR  
§1.102(d) for Accelerated Examination
- [ x ] Statements & Pre-exam search report  
with References
- [ x ] Information Disclosure Statement with  
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